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The House met at 8 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 19, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KATHERINE M. CLARK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, in the dawn of this new day, shed Your light on our proceedings. Clear our minds and give us clean hearts to engage mercifully with each other. Refresh and renew our spirits that we may pursue the day's goals and the Nation's business with pure motives. While some rejoice in the harvest of hard work, others remain concerned about the labor that remains ahead.

Be among this fractured body and bring healing to our differences and harmony to our enmity. Our passions are heightened, our opinions strong, our feelings deep. Call us to unity and peace, Your peace, a peace that is beyond our understanding. Call us to care without prejudice. Call us to faith without seeing. In faith, we lay before You our limitations, our frustrations, our discriminations.

Set our sights on the work of restoration, transformation, and edification that this would one day be a body reconciled to itself, stronger for our differences and more noble for our mutual concern.

Grant us hope, a hope found only in Your grace. In Your merciful name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BRADY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5376) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 14, as amended, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL) has 1¾ minutes remaining, and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY) has 2½ minutes remaining.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, is the gentleman prepared to close? I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I am prepared to close.

Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, we meet today to consider the largest spending bill in American history, a bill that no one

has read, adds hundreds of billions to the deficit, was written in secret, and rushed to the floor to hide it from the American people.

We have now the official costs, and the results are in. The claim by the President this costs zero and will reduce the national deficit is just simply untrue. According to the Congressional Budget Office, even counting the budget gimmicks, this bill adds hundreds of billions of dollars to the national debt and a more true accounting by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget estimates this could drive national deficits by \$3 trillion over the next 10 years.

The claim that this will not raise taxes on the middle class is simply false. One out of three Americans in the middle class will see a tax hike starting next year. The claim that this will make the wealthy pay their fair share is false as well. In this bill, coming out of COVID, two out of three millionaires in America will get a massive tax cut. And the claim that this will reduce inflation is not true as well. Even according to the White House's own favored analyst, the spending in this bill will drive up inflation for families, higher and longer, for at least a decade.

The Build Back Better's crippling tax hikes will kill American jobs, drive many of them overseas. They hamper small businesses as they struggle to recover, worsen the labor shortage, and drive inflation even higher. The bill imposes over \$400 billion in taxes on American small businesses. It couldn't come at a worse time.

There are \$800 billion in tax increases on American businesses who compete both here and around the world. This constitutes an economic surrender to China, Russia, Japan, and Europe, driving American jobs investment in manufacturing overseas.

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